

## JEREMY RITCH - FOUNDER OF ONE CHURCH

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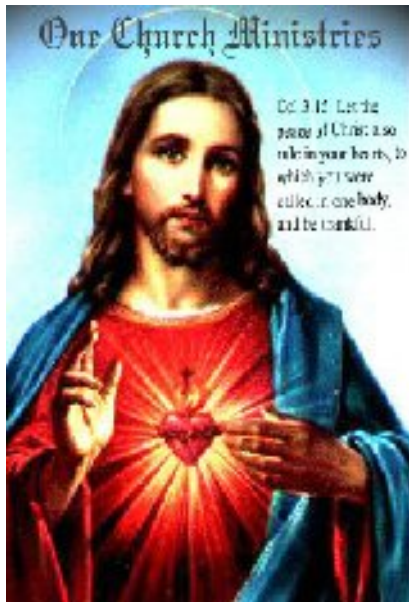
### BIO

Jeremy is a 31 year old writer and speaker currently living in Harrisburg PA. Raised in Cleveland OH in a Christian home but not with in the Evangelical culture. His church growing up was a Hungarian Reformed congregation that was more about traditions than Jesus. He attended Eastern University near Philadelphia where he would begin to form his worldview. His disillusionment grew larger as he found himself immersed in a culture he new little about and felt he didn't belong. For the next few years he would search and eventually find grace through a series of spiritual events and powerful relationships.

Jeremy has since devoted his life to reaching out to his fellow Christian brothers and sisters who have been hurt by the Church. He also sees the need to rebuild the relationships between the disenfranchised and the mainstream church. Through a message of grace and forgiveness he hopes to help ease the pain and fear that has kept so many from experiencing the fullness Christ.

He has been involved in ministry for about 10 years starting with the **the simple way community** in 1997-98 then with **Jay Bakker & Revolution Church** from 2000-03 and finally with a ministry called **Hope for the Rejected** 2005-06. In October Jeremy started **One Church Ministries** in Harrisburg PA. He has spoke at Cornerstone Festival in Illinois as well as at camps, retreats and youth events. Jeremy has a book tentatively titled **My Beautiful Mess: A Journey through Faith, Hope, & Love** coming out in late 07 on **Doulos Christou Press**. The book is about his walk through faith and my ideas about the church and the Christian community.

*"I feel that my generation and those younger make up a large portion of believers that are not connected to the church or the Christian culture. The problem is two sided, one side you have the disillusioned that for many reasons have walked away from church or were hurt by it. On the other side you have the church that is losing people and may not even know why or how to fix it. What our ministry is hoping to do is bringing the two sides together and see if healing, understanding and maybe reconciliation is possible."*



### ABOUT ONE CHURCH MINISTRIES:

- **Col 3:15** *Let the peace of Christ also rule in your hearts, to which you were called in one body, and be thankful.*

The focus of this ministry is to find common ground between those Christians in the church and those of us that feel disillusioned from it. The disenfranchised portion of the church is a big part of the body of Christ, so many people feel they don't have a home within a church. This also goes beyond just subculture people; it includes those from all walks of life. We believe the church is to be a place of community, fellowship and growth not one of division, fear and judgment.

- **Rom 12:4-5** *For we have many parts in one body, but these parts do not all have the same function. In the same way, even though we are many people, we are one body in Christ and individual parts connected to each other.*

We are all one body but too many have felt like an unwanted appendage. This is not a ministry of anger towards the church but one that wants to help heal those on both sides who have been hurt by disillusionment. We are people who have felt hurt by the church and have decided to minister to those who feel the same. The problem is that before we can affectively evangelize the unchurched we need to first try and unify the body of Christ. Many of the disenfranchised people want to belong and be accepted badly they just don't know how they can do that and keep their identity. These are Christian people who love God with all their heart. They share Christ with others and desire to worship with their brothers and sisters without judgment